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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

PM CARES to fund 551 oxygen plants in hospitals

- The PM CARES Fund has approved allocation of funds for setting up 551 Pressure Swing Adsorption medical oxygen generation plants at public health facilities across the country.
- The Fund had earlier this year allocated Rs.201,58 crores for the installation of 162 such plants.

Leader's Summit on Climate 2021

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually participated in the Leader's Summit on Climate 2021.
- He participated in the summit at the invitation of US President Joseph Biden, the summit was hosted by the US. Theme of the Summit - 'Our Collective Sprint to 2030'.

STATE AFFAIRS

"E-Panchayat Puraskar 2021"

- The Government of Uttar Pradesh won the "E-Panchayat Puraskar 2021" ranking first under Category I.
- The award recognises the efforts of UP in implementing the e-applications developed by the Centre and other applications developed by the State Government.

Liquefied Natural Gas Floating Storage and Regasification Unit

- India's first Liquefied Natural Gas Floating Storage and Regasification Unit has arrived at HEnergy's Jaigarh Terminal in Maharashtra.
- It sailed from Keppel Shipyard, Singapore.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

U.S. to send raw material for Covishield

- The U.S. will immediately deploy supplies and other assistance to India.
- The U.S.'s assistance will include making raw materials for COVID19 vaccine 'Covishield' immediately accessible and pursuing options to generate oxygen "on an urgent basis."

ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

Maui Dolphins

- The Maui Dolphins are found only in the West Coast of New Zealand and nowhere else in the world. They are one of the smallest dolphin's subspecies globally.
- The New Zealand Government is to develop a drone that is capable of finding and tracking Maui dolphins using Artificial Intelligence.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Oxygen concentrator

- The **Government of India** is to **import 10,000 oxygen concentrators**. An **oxygen concentrator concentrates oxygen from the atmosphere**.
- The oxygen in the oxygen concentrator is compressed and dispensed through a **cannula**. The oxygen is **90% to 95% pure**.

Zhurong

- **China** has named its **first Mars rover** as **Zhurong** after a **traditional fire god**. The name signifies **igniting the flame of Planetary Explorations of China**.
- Zhurong is on board **Tianwen-1 Space probe**. Zhurong weighs **240 kilograms** and is solar powered.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

29th Yudhvir Foundation Memorial Award

- **Dr. Evita Fernandez** received the **29th Yudhvir Foundation Memorial Award** for her **selfless and compassionate work** in the **field of maternal healthcare** and **contribution to women's empowerment**.
- The award includes a citation and an honorarium of **Rs.1 lakh**.

Chloe Zhao

- The **Chinese born film maker Chloe Zhao** has become the **first Asian woman** to win the **Best director at the Academy Awards**.
- She won the award for her film **Nomadland**. **Nomadland** won three major awards namely **Best Director, Best Actress for Frances McDormand** and **Best Picture**.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Arun Raste

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India** has approved the appointment of **Arun Raste** as **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited** for a term of five years.
- He succeeds **Vijay Kumar**.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Intellectual Property Day

- **World Intellectual Property Day** is annually observed across the globe on **26th April** to create **awareness about the impacts of the patents, copyright, trademark and designs**.
- The theme of 2021 is **"IP and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises: Taking your ideas to market"**.

International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day

- **The United Nation's International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day** is annually observed across the globe on **26th April** to mark the **anniversary of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster**.

SPORTS

Barcelona Open Title

- **Spain's Rafael Nadal** defeated Greece's **Stefanos Tsitsipas** to win the **2021 Barcelona Open (68th Edition)**.
- This is the **12th Barcelona Open Title for Rafael Nadal**. **Barcelona Open** is an annual tennis tournament for male professional players and is played on clay courts.

OBITUARY

Comedian Potti Veeraiah passed away

- **Renowned film comedian Potti Veeraiah**, who was **born a dwarf**, died of a heart attack at the age of 74.
- Veeraiah, whose real name was **Gattu Veeraiah** and who stood just two feet, acted in more than 500 films in **Telugu, Kannada, Tamil and Malayalam**.

Justice Shantanagoudar of SC passes away

- **Supreme Court judge Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar** died passed away. He was 62. He was the ninth senior most judge of the Supreme Court.
- He was scheduled to retire only on **May 4, 2023**. There is no official confirmation whether his death was related to **COVID-19**.

Musician Rajan Mishra dies from COVID-19

- **Classical singer Rajan Mishra**, a **Padma Bhushan awardee**, died of complications caused by **COVID-19**. He was 70.
- He belongs to the **Benaras gharana**.